Inclusion of SC/ST and Minorities in the Selection Committees

557. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions issued in August, 1990 for inclusion of representatives of SC/ST and minorities in the Selection Committees/ Boards have been implemented by the Department of Ocean Development;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bodies and organisations of the Department where the instructions have been implemented ;

(c) the names of the bodies which have not implemented the instructions so far, with the reasons therefor ; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) The instructions have been implemented in all the Selection Committees of the Department of Ocean Development and Polymentallic Nodules Programme Cell, Antarctic Study Centre, Goa and Sagar Sampda Cell, Cochin, for attached and subordinate offices the Department.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Training programme for technical and non-technical personnel

558. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any programme for technical and non-technical personnel going abroad on deputation in Indian missions to impart training on Indian culture, languages, values and Indian Philosophy ; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, by when such an essential training programme is likely to be introduced ; and

(c) whether there is any special training programme for scientists going on deputation in Indian missions abroad to have overview of policy and development of Science and Technology in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS : (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) No such training is being arranged. As the number of such officials is very small and they proceed abroad at varying points of time, organised training programmes on Indian culture and philosophy are not practicable.

(c) The scientists being deputed receive a briefing on the relevent aspects.

Unsettled Pension Cases

559. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pension cases remain unsettled in most of the States in the country for years, thus causing hardships to retired Government employees ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue any guidelines to the States in this regard ?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) ; (a) and (b) State pensions are the responsibility